

Hon. G. W. Jones, President of the Senate :

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred a bill to provide for the protection of the frontier of the State of Texas, have had the same under consideration, and a majority of said committee instruct me to report the accompanying substitute, and recommend its passage.

WM. R. SHANNON, Chairman.

Report received.

On motion of Senator Shelley, the President of the Senate was excused from attendance for three weeks.

On motion of Senator Selman, the Secretary of the Senate was excused for to-day.

On motion of Senator Record, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
August 30, 1866. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called—quorum present.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Senator Shelley in the Chair.

Upon motion of Senator McDade, the Senate proceeded to elect a President *pro tem*.

Senators McDade, Sausley and Knox were appointed tellers.

Senator Shannon nominated Senator R. H. Guinn.

Senator Guinn received 27 votes, and Senator Burney 1 vote.

Senator Guinn having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected President *pro tem*.

Senator Truitt, Chairman of Committee on Private Land Claims, reported as follows :

Hon. G. W. Jones, President of the Senate :

The Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Peter Norton, asking for one-third of a league of land, as the assignee of John Bruymiens, have maturely considered the same, and a majority of the committee instruct me to report the accompanying bill, and recommend its passage.

JAMES TRUITT, Chairman.

I dissent from the above report for the following reasons :

The evidence shows that John Bruymiens was a volunteer in the army of Texas in the years 1835 and 1836, probably a member of the "New Orleans Greys."

The evidence further shows that he received his bounty and donation warrants for his military services, and there is no satisfactory testimony that he ever became a citizen of Texas ; but from some of the papers submitted to the committee, the inference is he was a citizen of the State of Louisiana. I think it bad policy to have a certificate issued to the assignee under any circumstances, and the laws and customs of the State forbid the issuance of headright certificates to volunteers in the war of 1835 and 1836, unless they were citizens of the Republic, or died or were killed in the service.

JAMES TRUITT.

Both reports received to come up in order.

Senator Braswell, Chairman of Committee on Internal Improvements, made the following report :

Hon. G. W. Jones, President of the Senate :

The Committee of Internal Improvements, to whom was referred "An Act to incorporate the Rio Grande Railroad Company," having considered the same, instruct me to recommend its passage with amendments as follows :

First, by striking out the two last words "or and both" in the 13th line of the 1st Section.

Second, by striking out that part of the 2d Section between the words "secession," in the 5th line, and "and" in the 8th line, which reads as follows : "and shall have all the rights, privileges, grants and immunities which have been or may be granted or extended to railroad companies in this State," and inserting "and said Company, when it shall have completed and have in actual running order so much of said road as shall connect Brazos Harbor with Brownsville, shall, on certificate of that fact from the Governor, receive from the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas, who is hereby authorized to issue the same certificates for sixteen sections of land for each lineal mile of road so completed."

Third, by striking out in the 5th line of the 4th Section the words "one hundred," and inserting "fifty" in lieu thereof.

The committee further recommend that another Section be added to the bill to take the place of Section 6, and that the present Section 6 be thereafter Section 7, which Section shall read as follows :

"Sec. 6. In case said Company shall commence said Railroad at Point Isabel, and shall at any time afterwards desire to make its initial point on the island of Brazos de Santiago, it is hereby authorized and empowered so to do, and to that and the right is granted it to any land in tide water, below low

water mark, that may be found necessary for the track of said road into and across any salt water lying between said island and the main land, and for the construction of any docks or wharves that may be convenient for the storage and transfer of freights transmitted to or from said road.

S. W. BRASWELL, Chairman.

Senator Bumpass, Chairman of Printing Committee, reported as follows :

The Printing Committee having been instructed to have 500 copies of the Governor's Message in German and Spanish languages printed, have conferred with the publishers of the city papers as to the cost of printing the same, and find that the printing cannot be done within the city at legal rates, and ask the advice of the Senate before further action.

Report received.

Senator Record, Chairman of Committee on the Judiciary, reported adversely to a bill to amend the exemption law.

Report received.

Also reported adversely to the petition of the citizens of Navarro county, asking that the County Court of said county be allowed to appoint county officers.

Report received.

Senator Parker, Chairman of Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported correctly enrolled and properly signed "a bill to establish the mileage of Assessors and Collectors."

Senator Bumpass, Chairman of a Joint Select Committee on Congressional Districts, reported a bill partitioning the State into Congressional Districts.

Report received.

Senator McDade introduced a bill to authorize the District and Supreme Court Judges to admit parties to practice law in certain cases.

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Saufley introduced a bill to amend an act to incorporate the city of Jefferson, in Texas.

Read and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Cook introduced a bill to amend the 3d, 4th, 5th and 9th sections of "An Act to authorize the County Courts of the State to grant license for the retail of spirituous liquors, &c."

Read and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Neyland introduced the following bill:

"A bill to regulate the time that railroad passenger cars shall stop at way stations."

Read first and second times and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Senator Braswell introduced "A bill to provide for binding out poor children."

Read first and second times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Nelson introduced "A bill to define the relative duties of master and apprentice."

Rule suspended, read by caption, and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Blount introduced "A bill to repeal an act relating to sales on executions, deeds of trust, mortgages, &c."

Rule suspended and bill read by caption and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Blount introduced "A bill to repeal certain acts therein named."

Rule suspended and bill read by caption and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Shelley offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms is responsible to the Senate for the preservation of order in the galleries and lobby during its sessions, and for that purpose the subordinate officers of the Senate are subject to his control and direction.

Adopted.

On motion of Senator Foscue the rule was suspended and a bill to apportion the State into Congressional Districts was taken up.

Senator Record moved to amend by taking Kaufman from the first Congressional District and add to the second Congressional District.

Carried.

Senator Randolph moved to strike out Montgomery from the fourth and add to the third district.

Lost.

The bill ordered to be engrossed.

"A bill changing the boundaries of the city of Austin."

Read third time and passed.

"A bill to defray the contingent expenses of the Eleventh Legislature."

Senator Shelley introduced the following amendment:

"That the certificates of the Secretary of the Senate, and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the correctness of, and the approval of the Chairman of the Contingent Expenses Committees of the Senate and House to the respective

accounts against the two Houses, shall be sufficient authority for the Comptroller to draw his warrant upon the Treasurer for the several amounts charged against said fund."

Adopted.

"A bill to incorporate the Houston Direct Navigation Company."

Bill read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Blount, Brown, Bumpass, Burney, Cook, Cooley, Coppedge, Dalrymple, Foscue, Guinn, Knox, Littleton, McDade, Nelson, Parker, Randolph, Record, Reed, Saufley, Selman, Shannon, Shelley, Stell, Truitt and Yarbrow—25.

NAYS—None.

"A bill for the relief of the Brazos Manufacturing Company."

Read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Blount, Boyd, Bumpass, Brown, Burney, Cook, Cooley, Coppedge, Dalrymple, Foscue, Guinn, Knox, McDade, Nelson, Parker, Randolph, Record, Reed, Saufley, Selman, Shannon, Shelley, Truitt and Yarbrow—24.

NAYS—None.

"A bill to authorize the Treasurer to employ a clerk for six months."

Read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Report from Committee on Judiciary recommending a substitute for House bill No. 9, validating acts of certain officers therein named.

Substitute adopted.

Read first and second times, and on motion of Senator McDade rule suspended, bill read third time and passed.

Report from Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, recommended a substitute.

Substitute read and adopted, and read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Senator Reed, the rule was suspended, read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Senators Blount, Boyd, Brown, Bumpass, Burney, Cook, Cooley, Coppedge, Dalrymple, Guinn, Knox, Littleton, McDade, Nelson, Parker, Randolph, Record, Reed, Saufley, Selman, Shannon, Shelley, Stell, Truitt and Yarbrow—25.

NAYS—none.

Report from Committee on Claims and Accounts, on claim of Peter Norton.

Report adopted.

Report from Committee on Printing.

Report adopted.

Report from Senator Blount in reference to the inaccuracies in the Gazette and Intelligencer.

Adopted.

"A House bill granting lands to Houston and Texas Central Railway Company."

Read first and second times and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Report from Committee on Indian Affairs, recommending a substitute.

Substitute read first time and adopted. Read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Senator Shannon moved to suspend the rule.

Lost.

On motion of Senator McDade, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
August 31, 1866. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called—quorum present.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Message received from the House, announcing the passage by the House of "A bill for the appointment of a Commissioner of Statistics."

Special message from the Governor :

AUSTIN, August 30th, 1866.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

In the settlement made by Mr. Samuel Harris, late Provisional State Treasurer, with Maj. Royston, it is found that Mr. Harris had received four hundred and ten dollars, supposed to be counterfeit. This money purported to be U. S. currency, and was received from the Assessors and Collectors ; and as it was almost an impossibility for any one, under the circumstances, to detect spurious bills, I deem it but just that Mr. Harris should be relieved from the loss of this money.

Mr. Harris also received from the Assessors, sixty-two dollars in Louisiana and other bank bills. I would suggest that Maj. Royston be authorized to receive these and sell them for their value, and place the proceeds in the general fund.

Mr. Harris received two hundred and one (201) American and Mexican doubloons at \$15 60. He was governed by "Thomp-